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Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission
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NOTIFICATION

The 15th July, 2014

No. BERC-SMP No. 3/2014-06—In exercise of powers conferred by the Section 181 read with sub-section (5), (6), (7) of Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission makes the following amendments in Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 notified on 22nd May, 2006.

1. Short title, extent and commencement

- (a) These Regulations may be called the “**Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) (4th Amendment) Regulations, 2014.**”
- (b) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official gazette.
- (c) These Regulations shall extend to the whole State of Bihar.

2. Amendment in Regulation 3(3)(a)(i)

Following shall be added after end of the paragraph:

"The independent Member shall be selected through proper advertisement in press and on the website and notice board of the Commission and the licensee."

3. Amendment in Regulation 3(3)(b)

Following shall be inserted in fifth line after word 'each of them':

"The panel of three names for the post of second Member shall be selected through advertisement by the licensee."

4. Amendment in Regulation 3(3)(c)

Regulation 3(3)(c) is deleted.

5. Amendment in Regulation 3(9)

Following shall be added after end of the paragraph:

"In case of retired persons appointed as independent Member (Chairperson) pay drawn at the time of retirement minus pension (if the Member receives pension after retirement) or equivalent."

6. Amendment in Regulation 3(10)

Regulation 3(10) shall be substituted as below:

"Adequate fund, office space (including air conditioned chambers for the Chairperson/Members and one air conditioned room for office), secretarial support including but not limited to, office assistant/clerk (2 nos.), typist, stenographer and office attendants, as per the requirement of the Forum, stationeries and furniture as required by the Forum, computer with internet facility, fax machine, telephone and mobile or reimbursement of the mobile charges (limited to Rs. 250 per month) and transport facilities for the Members shall be made available by the distribution licensee for effective functioning of the Forum."

7. Amendment in Regulation 11(1)

Following shall be added after end of the paragraph:

"A retired district judge or and an officer of the rank of retired secretary or above to the state government, or an officer of the rank of retired chief engineer or above having experience in electricity sector preferably in electricity distribution, may be appointed as Electricity Ombudsman. Electricity Ombudsman shall be selected through public advertisement by the Commission. The selection committee for selecting the candidate for appointment as Electricity Ombudsman shall be presided by the Chairperson of the Commission and include Members of the Commission and at least one outside expert from power sector."

By order of the Commission,
PARMANAND SINGH,
Secretary.

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